KINGSBRIDGE AND SALCOMBE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1957

The Report is prepared in the form required by the Ministry of Health (Circular 33/52) of the 6th November, 1952.

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SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

NO CHANGE.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Public Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	120	1943	-	-	-
Coastwise	286	4504	-	-	-
TOTAL	406	6447	-	-	-

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	Number of passengers INWARDS - Nil. Number of passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.
CARGO TRAFFIC	Principal IMPORTS - Nil. Principal EXPORTS - Nil.

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive - Channel Islands, North Coast of France (Camaret) and coastwise yachts.

Character of shipping - 18 yachts arrived from the Channel Islands; 36 from the North Coast of France; none from Spain, and none from Eire. 277 coastwise yachts.
It is estimated that about 720 persons landed from the yachts.
62 French fishing vessels (crabbers) came into port from Camaret and Painpol. None from infected ports.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Nil.

SECTION V - Water Supply

(1) (a) South Devon Water Board.
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(2) Frequent analyses are made - results entirely satisfactory.

(3) Hydrants protected by chambers and covers. All obsolete ones have been replaced. Hosepipes sterilised by chloros solution. The water point for supplying the water boat at Whitestrand Quay was in the nature of a standpipe, and this necessitated a long length of hose to supply the boat. This new arrangement has proved to be most satisfactory.

(4) Sanitary conditions satisfactory. Inspected by Customs Officer, Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector. Tanks cleansed and sterilised at the beginning of the season and afterwards when found necessary. Water samples taken were satisfactory.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) The Smallpox Hospital (Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall) in the Plymouth Clinical Area.

(2) The Plymouth Ambulance Service, Greenbank, Plymouth. Telephone No. Plymouth 64101.

(3) Dr. W.A. Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth. Telephone No. Plymouth 65701 and Devonport 40.
Dr. D.F. Johnstone, The Scott Isolation Hospital, Plymouth, or in his absence, his Deputy must be informed immediately and invited to come and see the case. Telephone No. Plymouth 64311.
(Ministry of Health Panel of Practitioners designated to assist the Medical Officer of Health in the diagnosis of smallpox).

(4) The Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9.

A Memorandum has been prepared enumerating the measures to be carried out in the event of the occurrence of smallpox in the district. This has been circulated to all concerned and a copy has been sent to the Ministry of Health (15th July, 1952).

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

NO CHANGE

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other diseases on ships

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in ships.

NIL

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

NIL

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

(1) The Customs Officer makes the necessary enquiries.
(2) Specimens may be sent to the City Pathologist, South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, for examination. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.
(3) and (4) Not applicable.
Satisfactory rodent control is carried out in Salcombe by the Urban District Council.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

Category	Number
Black rats	NIL
Brown rats	NIL
Species not known	NIL
Sent for examination	NIL
Infected with Plague	NIL

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issues					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with HGN	After fumigation with other fumigant (state method)	After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

The French Crabbers lie in the stream and do not come alongside. There are no approved wharfs in Salcombe.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of Inspections	Notices served		Result of serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
NIL	NIL	NIL	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

NO CHANGE

OYSTER LAYING IN THE ESTUARY

Investigations are being carried out into the possible causes of the pollution of oysters in the Estuary, and re-laying is, in the meantime, suspended.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens).

Not applicable

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

There is a Mortuary in Shadycombe Cemetery, Salcombe. Agents make their own arrangements for the interment of the dead. Where deaths have occurred from any of the five major diseases, cremation is advised.

W.C. Smale

MARCH, 1958. Medical Officer of Health.